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July 23, 1962 - Monday

Stanley Cleveland came to see me this morning. He has been on the continent, devoting his attention principally to Common Market matters.

Tracy Barnes followed him. Janet and he are spending some days in London.

Benjamin Javits, who has been spending some weeks in Europe, called on me. He is a man of ingenious ideas, interested as always in how to bring order into US Government finances, and to stimulate the economy. It was not clear to me what progress he has made with his 100 billion dollar private fund for foreign investment. He is leaving for home almost immediately to raise campaign funds for his brother, Jack, in his bid for re-election to the US Senate.

I lunched at the American Club. Lew Douglas came to see me this afternoon. We had a talk about dollar stability and cognate subjects. He is appearing on television tonight, in company with Oliver Franks and Jean Monnet. He seems in excellent health and spirits.

E and I went this evening to a reception given by King Hussein and Princess Muna Al-Hussein of Jordan, at the Jordanian Embassy, 7 Palace Green. The King is small in stature, with a lively, intelligent face. His wife is not remarkable for beauty, but [redacted] is not plain.

We ran into Bapsy Winchester. People flee from her as from a contagion. Her husband, Lord Winchester, recently died in the South of France at the age, as I recall it, of 99. He was on bad terms with her, which is not remarkable, for she seems to be considered by everyone pestiferous.

The reports on American visitors to the Embassy January to March, 1962, were October through December 1961, and as follows:

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The debate was on a motion introduced by Gaitskell and some of his associates, to force the resignation of the Prime Minister in preparation for a general election. Gaitskell opened with an attack on members of the present and preceding Cabinets. He speaks well, has a fine voice, but it was evident that on the policy side he was not prepared to offer an alternative to present Governmental methods. It was the old charge, common in politics of almost every country, that "we could do it better than you do." Macmillan's answer was long, but composed mainly of discussing new measures he expected to institute, calculated to improve the economy. When the vote was finally taken tonight, the Conservatives rallied to their chief, and crushed their opponents.

We had a dinner for

Sir John and Lady Balfour
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Lowman
Mr. and Mrs. Rockefeller, 2nd.
Mr. Wells

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July 27, 1962 - Friday

Today was for me unusually quiet. I went to the staff meeting at noon to hear Al Irving in his inimitable fashion describe the debates in the House yesterday.

I lunched with Al Wells at the St. James's Club. Afterwards we went to Maggs, the booksellers, where I laid in a stock of reading matter, including an assortment of G. A. Henty narratives for the children.

Barry and Larry Lowman dined with us. Only Barry, inimitable in conversation, could have so well described her adventures and conversations in a female New York Turkish bath, where she goes for surcease from arthritis. I thought the children would die laughing. Her paintings are becoming more and more recognized, and she threatens to be international. Larry remains modest, deep, resourceful, affectionate, and admirable. Unfortunately, his health is not robust.

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We sent off the following telegrams today on the Common Market [illegible]